

**CHAPTER NO. 159**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 465**

**By Representatives Odom, Mike Turner, Bowers, John DeBerry**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1857**

**By Senator Herron**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 57, relative to surgical technologists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-57-102(a), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subsection:

All individuals who are employed under this provision shall demonstrate continued competence in order to perform their professional duties in surgical technology. The employer will maintain evidence of the continued competence of such individuals. Continued competence activities may include but are not limited to continuing education, in-service training, or certification renewal.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 27, 2005**

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2005**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR